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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Bruno LANGLOIS

National Phase of PCT/98/01514

Examiner: MAIER, L.

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For: FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 13, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a three-month extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account. No. 18-1171 the amount of \$890.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

Applicants also hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences from

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the decision of the primary Examiner of March 13, 2001, finally rejecting claims 22-28, 30, and 32-45. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the \$310.00 fee for the Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.